

THE TIMES.

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TRANSPANTING CRIME.

In the forthcoming reports of the commissioners who were sent abroad last year to investigate the sources of emigration to this country, there is confirmation of the gravest doubts which have been entertained heretofore. It has been growing plain enough, as plain as statistics could make it, that the proportion of paupers and criminals among our emigrants is increasing steadily from year to year, and there has been more than a suspicion that the causes of this were to be found in the efforts of the older countries to get rid of the worst and most useless elements of their population. The facts and figures produced by the five commissioners show a startling state of things.

A society in England, of which the queen is a patron, has for its avowed object the aid of discharged prisoners. One direction in which this aid is extended is the assisting of ex-convicts to find a home in the United States. The homes for destitute children in England relieve their overcharged ranks by shipping numbers of children of both sexes to the United States. Apparently a good many charitable societies in the mother country find America a convenient place in which to dispose of a portion of the burden which they claim to carry. It is needless to express an opinion on the sort of philanthropy which thus expends itself. Nothing could be more egregiously selfish or more thoroughly cowardly than this evasion by the people of a country of the care and control of its helpless and unfortunates. Against such colossal ignoring of duty, it would be discouraging to contend. The policy pursued by the agents of emigration on the European side seems equally to balk attempts at reform.

The one source then that is open to the people of the United States is a system of rigid and inflexible surveillance to be adopted by the officials whose duty it is to examine immigrants and to pronounce upon their acceptability. For the present it would seem that these examinations could not be too severe. We have already too much unmanageable material in our hands. Until that is reduced to a reasonably pliable and wholesome condition, all others should be excluded, excepting where it is patently helpful in its nature. The result of the investigation just concluded is one more link in the chain made up of recent immigration statistics, the more violent labor disturbances, and the late threatened pestilence. We have to defend ourselves against crime, dissensions, poverty and disease. We cannot be too quick about it, nor too imperative in the measures we adopt.

A NOTABLE INVESTIGATION.

The Forum six months ago engaged the services of Dr. J. M. Rice, an educational expert, to make a practical examination of the workings of the public school system in the principal cities of the United States, the object being to find out precisely the tendency of the work done in the school room; wherever an evil was found to trace it to its source, and wherever excellent features were discovered to point out how these might be adopted in other schools.

Dr. Rice spent the hours every school day from January to June, inclusive, in the school rooms and observed more than twelve hundred teachers at their work, and visited the schools in thirty-six cities, beginning at Baltimore and going northward to all the principal cities to Boston and westward to St. Paul. The first of the carefully prepared results of this investigation appears in the October number of The Forum. The schools considered in this article are those of Baltimore, where the work is not done scientifically because of the political domination of the school management.

About the schools in Baltimore Dr. Rice declares that they are "practically in the hands of ward politicians, the teachers untrained, and the supervision far too scanty; and it is not surprising that the schools of Baltimore should be as they are. As for the remedies? These are simple enough after the causes of the evils are discovered. They consist of taking the schools out of the domain of politics, in employing only professionally trained teachers, and in enlarging the supervisory staff."

Death of Hugh Dickerson.

Hugh M. Dickerson, formerly cashier of the Citizens Bank, but lately the manager of the Roanoke Cold Storage Company, died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of H. M. Daniel, at 819 South Jefferson street, after an illness of four weeks of bilious remittent fever. The remains will be shipped this afternoon at 5:30 to his old home in Louisiana county for interment. Mr. Dickerson was 23 years of age and a young man of exemplary character, and his many friends will be shocked to hear of his sudden death.

At the Academy.

"The Soudan" closed its engagement at the Academy last night, having given a performance in the afternoon. The play was as well received as on the first night and both performances went without a hitch. Gus Williams, in "April Fool," will be the attraction Monday night.

Now is the time to subscribe for The Roanoke Times, \$1.25 IN ADVANCE from now until January 1.

THE SILVER CROSS.

An Interesting History of the Organization of the King's Daughters.

(Written for THE TIMES by May Allison Baker.) The questions, "Why do so many women wear a little silver Maltese cross?" and "What is meant by a circle of ten?" or yet again "What do the letters 'I. H. N.' signify?" are so often asked that a little information for the enlightenment of those persons will perhaps be interesting to others as well.

On the morning of the 13th of January, 1886, ten earnest Christian women met at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Bottomo, in New York City, for the purpose of banding themselves together in an effort to glorify God by lessening human woe and advancing His cause.

It was an effort so earnest in purpose; so full of quiet enthusiasm and inspiration; so devoid of selfishness or a desire for any aggrandizement that might follow, that the result has been the onward and upward progress of patience, forbearance, charity and kindness in thousands of hearts and homes.

They called themselves the "King's Daughters," since each and every act of theirs was to be done "In His name;" and for their badge of union they chose a royal purple ribbon, to be worn with or without the little silver cross.

The cross bears the year "1886" inscribed on it, also the initials of their watchword, "I. H. N."

They were ten in number and their plan of organization was that each member of the central ten could form as many circles of tens as she could; then each member of those tens was privileged to do likewise and so on, but all business relating to the order is centered in the central ten at their headquarters, 158 West Twenty-third street, New York.

Even as a pebble thrown in a lake of still water first forms a circle that widens and widens and spreads until the whole lake is rippling, so it is with the central ten, for the circles have widened and grown until the whole lake of humanity is being gently and quietly, but effectually stirred by that pebble thrown on January 13, 1886.

The circle is not confined to ten as was originally intended, but a circle may now consist of more or less, and consists of men and boys, as well as women, for it is now called The International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons.

An annual fee of ten cents is charged, and a badge costs thirty cents. The order numbers earth's poorest, as well as the richest on its roll, and always earth's best.

The obligation is beautiful and touching, being short and concise, but earnest and true, ending by singing the words:

"To help the weary to Thy rest,
To heal and comfort earth's distressed,
To show the world we love Thee best,
We wear Thy cross, our Lord and King."

Wherever the King's Daughters are there we find the poor aided, the sick comforted and relieved, the wayward taught and the distressed consoled. Hospitals are cared for in so many loving ways—flowers being sent and delicacies obtained—that half the pang of suffering disappears. The almshouses and prisons know the silver cross better than any ornament in the world, and there is not in New York city to-day a tenement house too high, a woman too degraded or a prison cell too dark for the silver cross and its kind-faced wearer to approach. They do not seek numbers, but earnestness, sincerity and charity.

There is no deed done for the amelioration of mankind too simple and plain, nor trying and complex to be worthy of a King's Daughter or Son.

I wish I could tell you in this letter of the personalities of some of that original ten, but at some future time I will; for the name of Mrs. Margaret Bottomo, or the face of Mrs. Irving are known so far and wide, are so revered and honored that no monument of bronze or stone can do half the honor to their names, as that honor felt and expressed by thousands of hearts to day.

Gilleson & Child.

The new firm of Gilleson & Child, 112 Jefferson street, near the Terry building, will in a few days make announcement of the formal opening of the only exclusive hat and gent's furnishing in Roanoke. W. P. Gilleson is well known here, until recently, connected with the Bell Printing Company. G. Child was a prominent young business man in Staunton, but has now, with Mr. Gilleson, cast his lot in Roanoke. Their advertisement appears on the eighth page of THE TIMES. They have established connection with some of the leading manufacturers and importers of haberdashery in the country and guarantee that their customers will be as well dressed and furnished as though they lived in New York. They will be strictly up to date. The delay in opening is due to the fact that many of their large lines of novelties, particularly in neckwear, have been made specially to fill their orders, and this is a busy season with the manufacturers. They have already opened a large and very select line of hats, to which attention is called.

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Services will be conducted by the pastor, W. H. Groves, in the new Presbyterian Church for the first time at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon. Preaching at the other churches at the usual hours to day.

Elmer Ross, formerly a resident of Vinton, now of Salem, was in town yesterday shaking hands with old friends.

The friends of Miss Nola Britt, who have been solicited regarding her condition for the past three weeks will be delighted to learn that her prospects for recovery are very good.

George R. Gish was in town yesterday.

The Cleveland and Stevenson club met last night. Considering the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was excellent.

Prof. W. P. Gunn, superintendent of the Radford public schools, stopped here yesterday to see his parents en route home from Richmond.

Mrs. Sinclair, of Bonsack, was in town yesterday.

Miss Nora Vinyard, a pupil of Belmont Female Seminary, is spending several days with her parents here.

Cain Smith, who has been in Radford several weeks, came home on Friday evening.

The Vinton graded school opened last week with flattering prospects. Prof. N. P. Painter is principal with Miss Mamie Meredith, first assistant; Miss Julia Smithson, second assistant; and Miss Nellie Jeffries, third assistant.

The total enrollment last week was 195 pupils, which is an increase of 28 over the first week's enrollment last year.

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Bargains for October.

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Good seven-room house, with bath rooms, \$2,000; \$200 cash, balance \$20 per month.

New ten-room house, all modern improvements, \$4,000; \$400 cash, balance \$40 per month.

Seven-room dwelling in southwest part of the city, good stable on lot, \$3,500; \$300 cash, balance \$300 per month.

Corner lots on Park street, \$1,000.

Beautiful eight-room dwelling in the southwest part of the city, all improvements, lots 50x130 feet, good barn on lot, \$4,200.

Nice dwellings, six rooms, on Eighth avenue s. w., \$2,500; \$200 cash, balance \$25 per month.

Good six-room house with stable on lot, \$2,000; \$100 cash, balance \$30 per month.

Special bargain in a business lot on Salem avenue; write to us.

Eight-room dwelling in good location, \$3,500; \$200 cash, balance \$35 per month.

Houses on Easy Payments.

Good seven-room house near the shops, \$1,600; \$100 cash, balance \$16 per month.

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Five-room house on Campbell avenue, \$850; \$50 cash, balance \$10 per month.

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